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For: INSTALLATION FOR PROCESSING METAL BARS WITH IMPROVED MEANS FOR  
TRANSFERRING THE BARS, AND METHOD PROVIDED THEREBY

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